

The Turkish Battleship Messudieh Is Torpedoed By A British Submarine

Col. Goethals Reiterates His Request

WANTS TWO TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS SENT TO THE CANAL ZONE.

VIOLATIONS OF NEUTRALITY THROUGH WIRELESS IS CHARGED.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Colonel Goethals, governor of Panama Canal Zone, today reiterated his request that two torpedo boat destroyers be sent to the canal zone waters to prevent violation of neutrality through misuse of the wireless and taking on of supplies by belligerent vessels.

Because of the confidential nature of Colonel Goethals' dispatch, Secretary Garrison declined to make it public. He issued this statement:

"The substance of the dispatch is that in Colonel Goethals' judgment the misuse of radio communication within canal waters and the prevention of misuse of these waters as a base of supplies require the presence of a swift moving ship of the variety mentioned.

"Since the questions involved require the consideration of state and navy, as well as my own, I have taken the matter up with the other departments, and as soon as the requirements are fully ascertained proper action will be taken to meet them."

Secretary Garrison declined to discuss the situation in the Canal Zone or to indicate which of the belligerents was violating the neutrality of the United States.

Dresden Escapes Without Injury

By Associated Press. VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 14.—Dispatches received from Punta Arenas declare that the German cruiser Dresden has come into that port unharmed.

German Chancellor's Son Seriously Hurt

By Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 14.—Reports reaching here today from Bern state that a son of the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, has been injured seriously at Piotrkow, Russian Poland, and that he has been captured by the Russians.



THE WEATHER—Western Pennsylvania—Snow flurries and colder to night; Tuesday fair. West Virginia—Fair and colder tonight. Cold wave Tuesday, fair.

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ENGLISH TORPEDO BOAT B-11 ENTERED MINED STRAITS AND DESTROYED DREADNOUGHT WHICH WAS GUARDING MINED FIELD OF THE DARDENELLES.

DIVED UNDER THE FIVE ROWS OF MINES—SUBMERGED FOR NINE HOURS BUT RETURNS SAFELY—A MOST DARING FEAT SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A communication issued by the official bureau today announces that the Turkish battleship Messudieh has been torpedoed by a British submarine. The official statement is as follows:

"Yesterday submarine B-11 in charge of Lieut. Commander Norman Holbrook, of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was guarding the mine field.

Although pursued by gun fire and torpedo boats, the B-11 returned safely after being submerged on one occasion for nine hours. When last seen the Messudieh was sinking by the stern.

The Messudieh was a weary old boat, having been built in England in 1874 and reconstructed in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam and 10,000 tons. She had a speed of 17½ knots and her battery consisted of 2 9-2-10 guns and 12 6-inch guns. In the war with Greece in 1912 the Messudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

PRO-GERMANS MOBBED BY ROME CROWD AND MEETING DISPERSED.

ROME, Dec. 14.—Two hundred pro-Germans who attempted to hold a private meeting to protest against the probability of intervention by Italy on the side of the allies, were roughly handled. The throwing of money at the pro-Germans was because the meeting had been financed by Germany and the mob wished to show that this was understood.

Sidewalks Are Cleared By Shovelers

MOST OF THE CITIZENS HEED MAJOR BOWEN'S PROCLAMATION.

CITY TAKES CARE OF CROSSINGS. POLICE URGE TARDY ONES TO GET BUSY.

Mayor Anthony Bowen is congratulating himself because he had the forethought a few days ago to place a notice in the West Virginian in the form of a proclamation, asking the citizens of the city to keep the sidewalks in front of their residences and business houses, clear of snow, during the winter season.

On account of this little request probably more people than ever before were out bright and early this morning using the snow shovels in a vigorous manner. While the number of shovelers has increased, there are still many people who have not heeded the proclamation and today the city police were instructed to visit property owners where the snow still lies on the walks in front of their property and asked that it be removed.

Mayor Bowen says that the city is doing its part with the means at hand to keep the crossings clear and the street workers have been busy today, removing the snow from the bridges and part of the street crossings. He again wishes to emphasize and appeals to the citizens to do their part and even more in cleaning the sidewalks and asks that every person take an interest in this manner.

Two Americans Killed by Mexicans

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Thos. Francis and another American whose name has not been determined have been killed in Sonora, Mexico, according to a report today from the American consular agent at Cananea.

Secretary Bryan directed an investigation. No details were given in today's dispatch except that the killing took place between Agua Prieta and Nacocari.

MONTENEGRO, Dec. 14.—After two days of fighting Montenegrin forces have captured Nishnegrad and driven the Austrians back to the other side of the River Drina.

MAN WALKS 1,300 MILES THROUGH CANADIAN WILDS TO JOIN ALLIED FORCES

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—A walk of 1,300 miles to the nearest railway station in order to report for military service—such was the recent feat of Fernand Tremeur of Port Providence on the Mackenzie River. Tremeur is one of 52 French reservists, mostly from the Yukon and Alaska, that left last night for New York to sail tomorrow on the steamer Rochambeau for Havre.

Official Statement For Today

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, via wireless to London, Dec. 14.—An official communication issued today by the German army headquarters says: "Light attacks by the French on parts of our position between the river Meuse and the Vosges mountains were easily repulsed. Otherwise nothing of importance remains to be reported from the western theater of war."

"From East Prussia and Southern Poland there is nothing to report."

"In Northern Poland our operations are taking their normal course."

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon is as follows:

"There has been nothing of importance to report between the sea and the Oise. In the region of the Aisne and to the northwest of Souper the enemy bombarded violently our entrenchments. We replied and demolished his position. There were no infantry attacks from one side or the other. Our artillery destroyed an important field works of the enemy in the vicinity of Ailles. In the Argonne at the forest of Lagurrie, we have made slight progress by the use of mines. There were no attacks from the enemy. On the heights of the Meuse there have been violent cannonading. Batteries of the enemy would have appeared to have been moved to positions north. In the Woivre district, after having occupied a line of entrenchments along a 500 yard front, in the forest of Mortmare, our troops repulsed two violent counterattacks. In Alsace our advance has brought our front to a line that passes 425 yards to the north of Steinbach, thence to Font de Aspac and then to Pont de Brinighofen, 1,300 yards to the west of Eglingen."

SERBIA, Dec. 14.—During the days of December 10, 11 and 12, the enemy continued to retire along the entire front. The Serbian advance guards have progressed as far as Volik and Bosniak in the direction of Shavats and as far as Zavliaka in the direction of Lomica.

During their retreat the Austrians abandoned many trophies of war. From the time the Serbians resumed the offensive up to the 11th of December, inclusive, the number of prisoners made by the Serbians reached 28,000. The Serbians captured 74 cannons and 44 machine guns.

Capt. of Emden Gave Her Ship



Mrs. Gertrude Robinson believes that Captain Muller, commander of the German raider cruiser Emden, is one of the greatest men of the world. She it was to whom he gave a vessel rather than sink it. She is the wife of the captain of the British freighter Kabinga, which left Calcutta September 10 with a cargo for Boston and New York. Twelve days later they fell in with the Emden, which fired a shot across the freighter's bow. She stopped, and Captain Muller sent officers to take charge. For several days the Kabinga was held while the Emden was busy taking other British vessels.

Finally Captain Muller decided to sink the vessel—he had sunk several in sight of the Kabinga. But when he learned Mrs. Robinson was on board he sent word that the captain might consider the vessel sunk so far as he and the owners were concerned, and that he would make a present of it to her. However, when her husband brought the vessel into Boston Mrs. Robinson made no claim. She turned it over to the owners just as if nothing had happened.

MORGANTOWN AVENUE LIKELY TO BE WIDENED

SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE BY CITY ENGINEER SHREWSBURY S. MILLER.

MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER A. L. LEHMAN FOR INVESTIGATION.

REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF AFFAIRS WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

The City Board of Affairs is at the present time considering the widening of Morgantown avenue, beginning at its juncture with Water street and extending to a point near the residence of C. E. Hutchinson. What is now called Morgantown avenue was in the early

170,000 Jews Take Refuge In Vienna

REFUGEES FLEE FROM GALICIA MANY ARE ABSOLUTELY DESTITUTE.

THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED IN BARRACKS IN MORAVIA AND BOHEMIA.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—One hundred and seventy thousand Jews have fled for refuge from Galicia to Vienna according to a letter received here today from the Austrian Israelite Alliance in Vienna by the American Jewish relief committee.

Galicia, as the field of military operations, has been cleared of almost the entire population, reads the letter.

At the present time there are 170,000 Jewish fugitives from Galicia here, of whom 70,000 are absolutely penniless. Furthermore 25,000 destitute Jewish fugitives have been placed in barracks in Moravia and 70,000 in Bohemia, where barracks are also being built. These 165,000 poor Jews are in pressing need.

days of Marion county known as the Morgantown and Bridgeport turnpike and was known to have been sixty feet wide. This old pipe was established by the Legislature of Virginia while West Virginia was still a part of the Mother State and the records in Richmond show that it was to be the width of sixty feet.

The paving which is laid on the avenue at the present time is only 20 feet wide in many cases the fences of the property owners have been placed on each side against the paving, making it about 40 feet narrower than it should be according to the deeds.

Many of the property owners are interested in the matter of widening the street and have signified their willingness to co-operate in any way possible with the city authorities. Nearly all of them will be compelled to set back their fences several feet, while in some instances even front porches will have to be torn down. It is also a peculiar circumstance that the 20-foot paving was not placed in the center of the road bed and this means that some of the property owners will be compelled to surrender more ground than others.

The matter has been discussed by the Board of Affairs and City Engineer Shrewsbury Miller has made a survey of the avenue. While the commissioners have not definitely decided upon the matter, it has been referred to Street Commissioner A. L. Lehman for investigation and report. This report will likely be made in a few days, and it is probable that the work will be started in the early spring. It seems that it is not the intention of the commissioners to make the street the full 60 feet for which the deeds call, as this would probably place too much of a hardship upon the property owners. The width has not yet been established, but it will probably be about 50 feet. This will give room for a 30-foot paving with ten feet on each side for sidewalks.

The avenue beyond Mr. Hutchinson's residence is wider than on the side towards Water street, it being in many places as wide as 59 feet. For this reason it will not be necessary to take any action in regard to this part of the thoroughfare.

Miss Ann Bogges spent Saturday with friends in Clarksburg.

Seemingly Endless Battle Continues In Western Poland

George Morton Died Suddenly Saturday Night

FATHER OF MRS. ROBERT RIGHTMIRE EXPIRED AT HER HOME.

REMAINS WILL BE TAKEN TO COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR INTERMENT.

Mr. George Morton, father of Mrs. Robert Rightmire, of this city, and a popular employee of the Fairmont Printing and Publishing Company, died suddenly Saturday night at the home of his daughter with whom he resided.

Mr. Morton was apparently in his usual health and had been employed at his duties as usual during the day. He was also on the streets of the city after supper, his death occurring after he had returned home for the night. He was stricken suddenly, death resulting instantly.

Mr. Morton was formerly a resident of Columbus, O., but had been a resident of Fairmont for the past six years, residing with his daughter. His wife is deceased. During the years of his residence here Mr. Morton was employed with the Fairmont Printing and Publishing Company, now the Fairmont Printing and Publishing Company. He was an efficient workman and attended his duties in a businesslike manner. He had never been absent from his duties a single day on account of his illness and his sudden death was a severe shock to his fellow employees as well as to his family.

Mr. Morton was a gentleman of the old type and was ever faithful and loyal to his friends and fellow workers. He was a very enthusiastic member of the International Typographical Union, and for twenty years had been affiliated with the organization. For six years he belonged to the Clarksburg Typographical Union and served as its vice president for two years. He was a delegate to the annual convention at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1910 and at Providence in 1914, and was alternate to the typographical convention in 1912, in all of which bodies he served on important committees.

Mr. Rightmire, an employee of the Consolidation Coal Company, was in Portland, Maine, and was notified by telegram. He arrived here this morning and will accompany the remains to Columbus, O., where interment will be held. Funeral services will be held this evening at 5:30 at the home of Mrs. Rightmire at 505 Benoni avenue, conducted by Dr. H. G. Stoetzer.

The remains will be taken to Columbus, O., for interment, leaving here at midnight. Mr. Rightmire and W. D. Barrington will accompany the remains.

Mrs. Jennie Coleman Claimed by Death

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Jennie Coleman, deputy state commander of the Macabees of the World. Mrs. Coleman's death occurred Friday in Wheeling after an illness from a complication of diseases. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon and interment was made today in the Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Coleman had visited the local lodge here on various occasions.

To Draft Beneficial School Legislation

By Associated Press. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—With a view to drafting legislation beneficial to public schools of West Virginia, M. P. Shawkey, State Superintendent of Free Schools, today called a meeting of all county superintendents of West Virginia schools to be held in Charleston from January 12 to 22, 1915.

Five Brothers All Sedvig With the Colors
Lieut. Commander Holbrook of the submarine C-11 is one of five brothers, all serving with colors the sons of Col. Arthur Holbrook, a newspaper owner of Portsmouth.

LITTLE CHANGE IS REPORTED IN THE FRANCO-GERMAN BATTLE FRONT.

GENERAL FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE ALLIES IS ABOUT READY TO START.

LIEUTENANT HOLBROOK'S DESTROYING TURKISH BATTLESHIP BOLDEST FEAT OF WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Little or no change has been reported today on the western battle front, and in the east Russia and Germany continue to fight a seemingly endless battle, for the control of western Poland. English and French newspapers are united in declaring that the time is drawing near for the much discussed general advance of the allies through France and Belgium, and some unofficial reports say this move is about to be undertaken, if it has not actually begun.

Progress necessarily would be inch by inch and even the most optimistic of the British observers, assuming that a general forward movement of the allies is to be conveyed, concede that it would be spring before any appreciable eastern progress could be made. The feat of Lieutenant Commander Holbrook in diving under 5 rows of mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoing the Turkish battleship Messudieh, is described here as perhaps the boldest marine exploit of the war. The submarine presumably was not scratched. She escaped gun fire and pursuit of torpedo boats in a manner truly remarkable and it was necessary for her crew to endure the ordeal of remaining under water for nine hours on a stretch. Russian guns have from time to time inflicted some damage on Turkish war ships bombarding Russian ports, but the disaster recorded today robs the Turks of its first big ship. The loss of life is not estimated in the brief announcement of the episode given out officially today.

Weather To Be Colder Is The Forecast

TEMPERATURES ARE TUMBLING IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

HEAVY SNOW IN MOUNTAINS OF THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Colder throughout the east, is forecast by the weather bureau for tonight and Tuesday. All through the southern states, the central valley and the lower lake region today the temperatures were tumbling and the upper Mississippi Valley and the north plain states had a temperature below the zero mark. Cold wave warnings throughout New England, New York, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. All the South Atlantic and Gulf States except Florida may expect freezing weather.

The southern storms which centered in Alabama yesterday was passing out to sea off the Maine coast today, leaving behind heavy snows in parts of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the mountain districts of the Middle Atlantic States and a general blanket of rain and sleet in other places. Shifting gales along the Atlantic coast accompanied it and storm warnings are up again from Hatteras to Eastport.

NOTICE OWLS!

There will be Election of Officers on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1914. All members are requested to be present.
W. H. RANDOLPH, Sec.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
City taxes are now due and payable at the office of the Treasurer. During December only no interest will be charged. After December 31, 1914 interest will be charged on all unpaid taxes.

Taxes will be collected as soon as possible by the Treasurer after January 1, 1915.
Why not call at the office now, save your interest and a visit from the Treasurer.
J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

GET SCOTT ON THE BOX